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SAN FRANCISCO-- All crewmembers and the Pilot that were onboard the COSCO BUSAN at the time of the accident were alcohol tested within the required two hour time limit. The results of the tests were negative. All crewmembers involved in the navigation of the COSCO BUSAN including the Pilot provided samples to be drug tested within the first few hours. The

results for the drug samples will not be available until early next week.

The Bay Air Quality Management District has been conducting ambient air sampling to determine if there is any threat to public health. So far, these tests have not shown any significantly elevated levels of volatile organic compounds in the areas surrounding the spill. "The Air District is responding to odor complaints and monitoring air quality in the area to ensure air quality is safe," said Jack Broadbent, the Air District's Executive Officer. "Although the results from the monitoring show that the levels of hydrogen sulfide do not pose a threat to public health, it's prudent to minimize your exposure and stay away from the spill areas and avoid contact with bay waters," Broadbent said. The ambient air levels observed should not result in any long-term adverse health impacts.

Oil is currently reported to be as far south as Hunters Point, east of Oakland middle harbor, up through Racoon Straights and Brook Island, along the San Francisco waterfront, and past the Golden Gate Bridge as far north as Stinson Beach and south of Ocean Beach.

California Fish and Game report 26 live oiled birds have been recovered.

There are eight skimmers in the Bay and three skimmers outside the Golden Gate Bridge working to recover oil. 18,000 feet of boom is staged around the Bay Area to protect the Beaches and wildlife.

MEDIA NOTE: Due to the high volume of media calls and lack of phones in the Joint Information Center(JIC), media are asked to submit their questions via www.uscgsanfrancisco.com. JIC members will monitor

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